

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. See agB's letter to his wife — Nov. 26, 1880 (1880?) My darling Alec:

I am supposed to be if not quite in bed, at least fast on my way there. But I must stop to thank you for all your letters and say again how glad I am you are having such a good chance to see all the distinguished scientific men. But please don't confine yourself entirely to them if you can help it. I should be very much pleased if you would call on the Baroness Burdott-Coutte. She was very kind to us, I really think you owe it to her, and to yourself, for it is simply gentlemanliness. I am sure Chester would go if he had been so treated by her. And I would should especially like you to go now while she is in some degree in disgrace. Please try and oblige "your little wife." I don't think I will come on Sunday there is no especial reason why I attached should stay more than a night enroute in London, and I have so many things to do here I don't want to leave. I want every single lesson in china painting I can get and M. Lobrichon wants Elsie and oh it will be so hard to part with Mamma for who know how long. Give me all the time I can have.

Will you please give me some money to settle my accounts here, I have one large bill at Mme. Jeanin for underclothing for myself and babies, one dressmakers bill, not large, hat bill, then I must get some more warm things for steamer wear, and I cannot go home empty handed to my friends can I? I have something for all in Canada, only my own friends are not provided for, and they have done much for me. I don't want expensive gifts only something I don't want you to come on, It would be a pity to lose anything and to tell the truth, you would be rather in my way, every moment is taken up now hardly see 2 my babies at all.

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Charlie was up for two hours yesterday, four today, part of the time in a chair, and I believe is better, still I presume the improvement is not so great as it might have been as the doctor has distanced the date of his removal again today. He is to have chicken tomorrow.

I am very very tired, so goodnight.

Ever lovingly, Your, Mabel. I am so glad you did not have to wear goggles. Don't make yourself look old, that will come soon enough. Trim your beard and hair and do your best to take advantage of the youth and good looks that will never come back again. I am so proud of my husband when he looks nicely. Have you sent your clothes to the wash, please do.